

In the Federal Communications Commission analysis, it rightly recognized the worthlessness of the EAS system as currently established. In my filed comments I agreed that the Commission has rightly chosen to seek comment and suggestions on the numerous faults of the EAS system. Several others filed comments to support various agendas to "fix" the EAS system offering more complex systems, training, more bureaucracy and expense for Government and Broadcasters as well as local entities. Various state plans have been held up as examples (Washington) as examples of how an EAS system should work. Yet even those touted systems have had colossal failures. Many commenters point at Amber alerts as a proper use of the EAS.

Again, I wish to express that the EAS is of little or no value to anyone except those who gain financially from its continued failed operations. It is not in need of fixing. All the proposed "cures" and plans to fix, train or enhance the system are based upon one assumption: wishful thinking. I offer the most current failure, the EAS alert in Connecticut to evacuate the entire state (2-1-05). Not only did the system fail to stir any evacuation, according to news reports, no one person even called any emergency department to find out what to do. And to avoid confusion, there was no broadcast to correct the error. In other words, the EAS was totally ineffective. Not only is it ineffective, the officials saw fit that since no one was bothered by the EAS alert, there was no need to send a correction, an equally worthless effort.

It's time to eliminate this needless, confusing and wishful thinking reliant system.